Expansion of Centrally-sponsored health facilities •

†3538. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to make Centrally-sponsored health facilities accessible to every nook and comer of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any step in this direction;

(c) if so, the details thereof and to what extent and by when the people of Gujarat are likely to be benefited; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) National Health programmes for the control of major diseases like Malaria,TB, Blindness, AIDS and Leprosy are being implemented in the entire country including Gujarat as Centrally Sponsored Schemes. Intensive public awareness activities are regularly undertaken as a part of national disease control programmes using mass media, like television, radio, press, rural folk media, family health awareness campaigns, etc., to disseminate information about these programmes and also bring about a behavioural change among the population.

Amendment in Legislation to check entry of dangerous drugs

†3539. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Partibandhit Davayen Bharat Mein Khapane Par Amada Hain Bahurashtriya Companian", which appeared in the Rashtriya Sahara, dated the 2nd April, 2002;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government would amend the law to check these dangerous drugs being brought into the country by the multinational companies to save the lives of the people; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MJNISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.